Failure of crops in channagiri Taluk

297. Sri N. G. HALAPPA (Channagiri).—

Will the Minister for Revenue and Forests be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the failure of dry crops in Channagiri taluk and in Kasaba and Ubrani Hoblis which are worst affected areas ;

(*b*) whether there is a proposal to take famine relief measures in the said taluk immediately ?

A.— Sri B. RACHAIAH (Minister for Revenue and Forests).—

(*a*) Yes, in Kasaba and Ubrani Hoblis.

(*b*) Yes, Relief Measures have been taken.

Villages without Wells in Deodurg Taluk

298. Sri SADASHIVAPPA PATIL (Deodurg).—

Will the Minister for Development and Co-operation be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of villages without drinking water wells in Deodurg Taluk ;

(*b*) the alternative steps taken to provide drinking water for the residents of these villages ?

A.— Sri P. M. NADGOUDA (Minister for Development and Co-operation).—

(*a*) 17.

(*b*) It is reported that soil conditions in the villages are not favourable. It is not possible to strike sweet water even if wells are dug. The question of providing water under National Rural Water Supply and Sanitation is under investigation by the Public Health Engineering Department.

Salary and other allowances drawn by Chief Minister

299. Sri H. PUTTADASA (Sathanur).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is not a fact that the Chief Minister is also the President of All India Congress Committee ;